

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Examiner David C. Thomas graciously hosted a telephonic interview on January 16, 2008 with inventors Bassem A. Bejjani and Todd M. Christensen, and Applicant's counsel Mark Farrell of Lee & Hayes, pllc.

Claims 1, 71-72, and 74 were discussed. Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

Amendments to claim 1 were discussed in attempts to overcome prior art references, especially "Strizhov," regarding the synthesis of clinically relevant sites for mixing to produce a clinical reference solution. Suggestions to have claim 1 recite that the method is performed without cloning or without use of template or ligase were discussed. Examiner's reasons for combining "Gordon" and "Strizhov" in the current 35 USC 103 rejection were discussed. Adding some of the limitations of claim 1 to claims 71 and 72 to overcome 35 USC 102 rejection was discussed.